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en route to Arkhangelsk, a small coastal patrol vessel was observed about one or two miles from the coast. This ship was moving at a speed of approximately 12 or 13 knots and was following a true course of about 120 degrees. It mounted a 47 mm gun forward and was equipped with radar. It escorted informant's ship for about two hours. Then it changed course and, without making signals of any kind, headed toward the mainland.

2. [redacted] between Rybachiy Peninsula (N 69-42, E 32-36) and Kildin Island (N 69-21, E 34-10), two cruisers and six destroyers were observed maneuvering in wide circles. Three or four more destroyers were observed on the horizon. The destroyers approached one of the cruisers at high speed, veered off, and disappeared over the horizon. The same maneuver took place with the second cruiser taking part. No submarines or aircraft were observed during the exercises.

The [redacted] destroyers, each of which had a single streamlined stack, were slightly smaller than the [redacted]. Each destroyer had a twin turret forward, with guns slightly smaller than 120 mm, and two sets of torpedo tubes amidships. All the vessels which were engaged in the exercises appeared to be in trim condition. There were many sailors on deck.

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3. [redacted] off Kildin Island, [redacted] a large floating target was being towed parallel to the coast by a tug. The target consisted of eight red sets (sic) which were of the type normally used in naval practice. The target was being towed about one-half mile from the coast. A few shots

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were fired [redacted]

[redacted] the naval vessels did not fire and that the target was not hit. No columns of water were observed near it. [redacted] heavy caliber guns were firing, both because of the sound produced and also because [redacted] ship vibrated every time a shot was fired. [redacted] the explosions were not caused by torpedoes [redacted]

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4. A short distance south of Kildin Island, [redacted] a small destroyer [redacted] had two stacks. There were two sets of torpedo tubes, one between the stacks and the other between the rear stack and the after 80 mm gun. The forward twin turret had 120 mm guns. All the guns were covered with tarpaulins. There were many sailors on deck. [redacted]

[redacted] changed course and headed away [redacted]

5. [redacted] Litskiy Island and [redacted] about one and one-half miles from the coast, [redacted] 600-ton coastal patrol vessel with a twin 80 mm gun turret forward and another aft. [redacted]

6. [redacted] The lighthouse was visible on Cape Svyatoy Nos (N 68-10, E 39-48) and the fog horn was heard.

7. [redacted] off Cape Bolshoy Gorodetskiy (N 67-43, E 40-57), two ships: an ocean-going motor fishing vessel of about 1,000 tons [redacted] and a small 400-ton merchant ship. The merchant ship had several drums on deck. It navigated to port and [redacted]

[redacted] slowed down [redacted] Both the fishing vessel and the merchant ship sailed at a fast speed. [redacted] the merchant ship was a camouflaged naval vessel which patrolled the Gorlo coast and escorted all ships in transit. There were four officers on board who kept their binoculars trained [redacted]

[redacted] Along the Gorlo coast [redacted] a few huts and some telephone poles. The motor fishing vessel and the merchant ship [redacted] to the Northern pilot buoy. [redacted]

8. [redacted]
9. [redacted] On the left side of the three flashing-red buoys there were markers topped by brooms. Those on the left side of the channel had cones facing downward, and those on the right side had cones facing upward. A dredge was in operation near the second flashing-red buoy. [redacted] Along the left side of the channel, from the white alignment-beacons to the control point, there was a double set of trellis markers used for alignment purposes. One set was ten meters high and the other set was five meters high. Both sets of markers were painted a dark color. [redacted]

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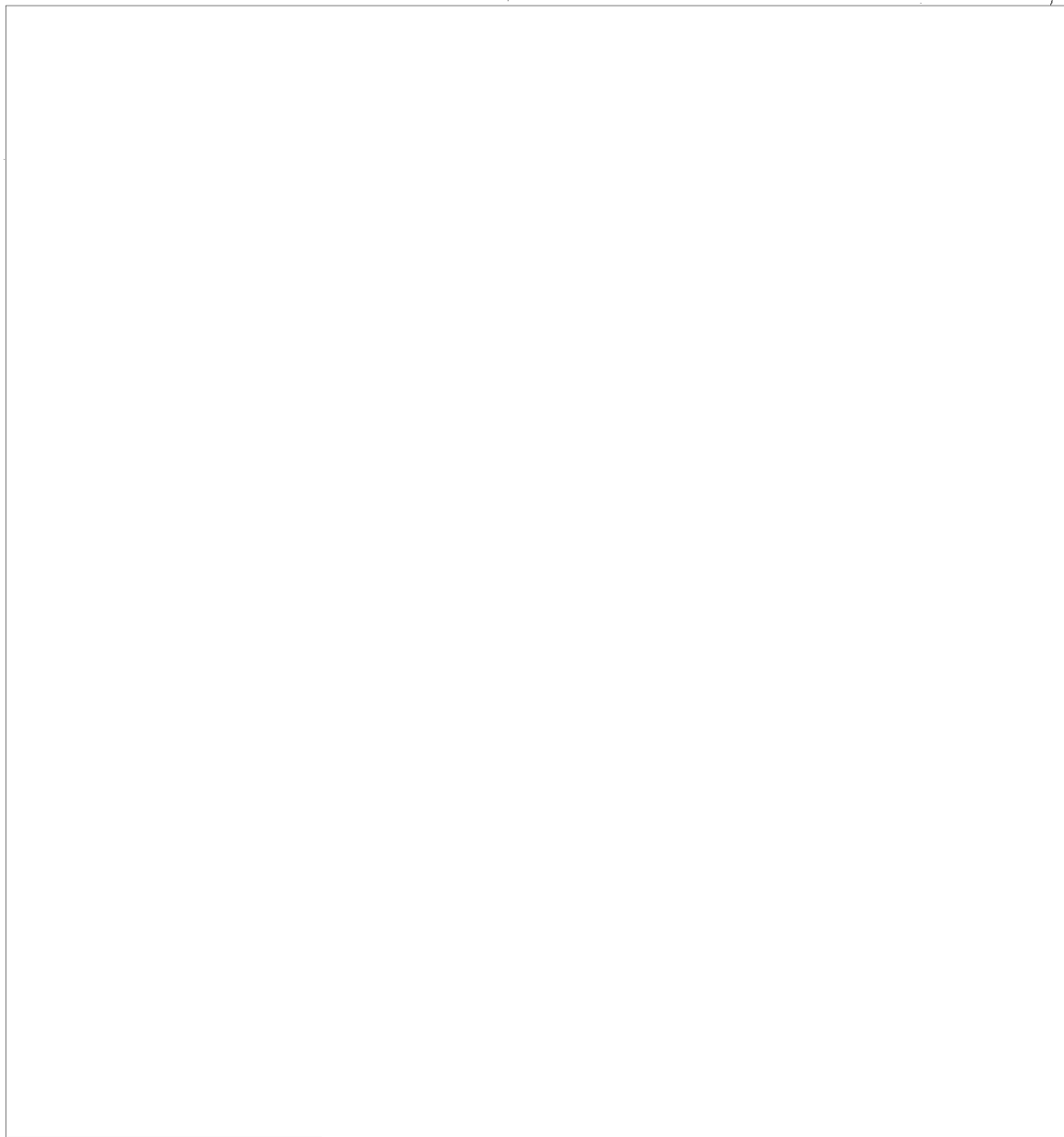
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10. The control and quarantine station was located on Lysunoy Island [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM  
[REDACTED] The island, which was about two miles beyond the buoy 50X1-HUM  
marking the curve in the channel [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM  
[REDACTED] The control post was composed of three or four small two-story  
wooden houses. There was **also** an open-framework steel tower which probably 50X1-HUM  
was used to pump water. It had vanes similar to those of a wind-  
mill. Informant observed no radar or radio equipment and no artillery em- 50X1-HUM  
placements. There was a telephone line on the island.



[REDACTED] Lysunoy Island [REDACTED] along  
the shore of the river small groups of houses, telephone lines, and numerous  
sawmills. Long poles were stacked in piles along the shore. There were many

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- poles in the water offshore. On Linskiy Priluk Island (N 64-41, E 40-27), 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] there was a large building, which [redacted]  
[redacted] was a factory for the manufacture of tar paper used for insulation  
in prefabricated houses. In front of the shed there was an extensive storage  
area in which there were many bitumen drums. 50X1-HUM
16. [redacted] foreign vessels loading planking and other kinds of lumber  
at the various sawmills along the river. [redacted] Nothing  
of unusual interest [redacted] at Port Ekonomiya. The number of sawmills  
increased as the ship neared Arkhangelsk. [redacted] there were more  
mills on the left bank of the river than on the right. All the sawmills and 50X1-HUM  
lumber storage areas were guarded by sentries carrying rifles or pistols. The  
post of each sentry was marked by a sentry box or by two crossed poles. Each  
sentry post had a telephone.
17. [redacted]
18. The lumber quay was constructed of wood and was about 200 meters long. It was  
guarded by five sentries. [redacted] the sentries stood near  
the edge of the quay. [redacted]
19. [redacted] A very limited number of fork  
hoists facilitated the loading operations. Loading was carried out 24 hours a  
day. There were two work shifts of 12 hours each and several half-hour rest  
periods. Most of the work on the dock was performed by women, and the work  
aboard ship by men. The dock workers seemed to be in good physical condition.  
They wore worn-out clothing of all types. They were kept under continuous sur-  
veillance by the guards on the dock. [redacted]
20. [redacted]
21. On the island which lay opposite the quay [redacted]  
[redacted] maneuvers which resembled landing exercises or combat training. Sailors  
jumped out of wooden river barges, waded through knee-deep water to the beach,  
and ran on all fours up the incline. They then ran down the slope into the  
water and jumped into the barges. All the sailors wore Soviet Navy uniforms.  
None carried arms.
22. The sawmill areas along the shore were well lighted at night, but the inhabited  
areas were dark. The quay [redacted] was brightly illumi-  
nated. The electric lines on the quay were of the standard type and were carried  
on wooden poles. 50X1-HUM

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23. [redacted] no fire-fighting facilities, with the exception of a pump which was moved along the quay. The pump went into immediate action when a fire broke out [redacted] The dock workers brought the fire under control in a short time. 50X1-HUM
24. At the southern end of the large island located across the river from Arkhangelsk, there was a small airfield with a runway about 500 meters long. [redacted] Many medium-sized twin-engined transport aircraft were constantly engaged in take-off and landing practice. There were no jet aircraft parked on the field. [redacted] between four and six MIG-type jet aircraft flew over the Arkhangelsk area daily. 50X1-HUM
25. There were many sawmills and large lumber storage areas on Solombala Island (N 64-36, E 40-33). [redacted] There were also two hauling-up slips, [redacted] two small patrol vessels with wooden hulls. These were probably naval vessels, because they were painted gray. Each ship had the letter M and a number painted on the bow. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
26. On Solombala Island there were two floating drydocks, with a capacity of about 2,000 tons, in which two very old and dilapidated ships, each with an estimated displacement of 2,000 tons, were being repaired. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
27. The southern tip of Solombala Island was connected to a small island by a pontoon bridge. Another pontoon bridge connected Solombala Island with the town of Arkhangelsk. Between these two bridges [redacted] there were two new merchant ship hulls of about 3,000 tons each. One [redacted] was on the Solombala side of the river and the other was on the Arkhangelsk side. Both the hulls were of modern design and probably were in the process of being fitted out. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
28. [redacted] the city of Arkhangelsk had a population of 100,000 or 150,000. [redacted] A main street bisected the city along its longitudinal axis. A tree-shaded boulevard ran along the river and paralleled the main street. These two main arteries were crossed at frequent intervals by small transverse streets which extended as far as the tree-lined boulevard. [redacted] most of the people on the streets were in uniform. Soviet Army and border guard uniforms predominated. 50X1-HUM
29. About 95 percent of the houses in the town were made of wood. The sidewalks were also of wooden construction. There were a few masonry buildings, some of which appeared to be of recent construction. No barracks or military installations were observed in the city. The International Club for Foreigners was obviously one of the most important buildings in the town. The facilities of the club included several lounges, a library, reading rooms, a dance hall, a movie, and a bar. The local inhabitants who frequented the club spoke several foreign languages fluently. [redacted]

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30. It was impossible for foreigners to make purchases in the local shops, since the Inturist office released the necessary coupons only in cases of extreme necessity. The Inflat office supplied meat and cabbages at rather high prices. [redacted] the price of a kilogram of coffee was about 40 rubles. The price of a kilogram of tea was about 73.52 rubles. In the windows of the food stores brightly painted plaster moulds of hams, salami, and cheeses were displayed. There were no camera or radio equipment stores and no shops where guns were sold. There was one bicycle store, which had a single sample bicycle in the window. 50X1-HUM
31. The small steamers which plied between the islands in the Arkhangelsk area had wood-burning boilers. The steamers were very antiquated, and they were in very poor repair. Soviet Molotov taxis were observed in the city. Inside these vehicles there were no rugs, pillows, or upholstery. The Soviet trucks were of the American Dodge type. [redacted] a large number of these trucks carrying lumber to the quays. The busses in the city were Soviet-manufactured and were of modern design. 50X1-HUM
32. Many ocean-going tugs were in port. [redacted] many of these tugs towing steel hulls of 3,000 to 4,000 tons. The hulls were equipped with masts and shear legs, and they were laden with bit props, some of which were on deck. [redacted] the tugs were headed for Novaya Zemlya (N 74-00, E 57-00) or Franz Josef Land (N 81-00, E 55-00), where reportedly there were mines in operation. 50X1-HUM
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